

To John Bruce

400/41.

My dear Sir

I ought to have written  
before ~~you~~ to thank you for the  
trouble you took about the Pros-  
pects of my new edition of  
Shakespeare. I have been pre-  
vented by absence partly, con-  
partly by business.

I most heartily thank  
you also for the very favourable  
opinion you express regarding  
care & merit <sup>of the</sup> new work. <sup>Eds.</sup>  
You may depend upon it that



will do my very best to deserve  
your good opinion & highly grati-  
fying (I was going to say flatter-  
ing - but not flattering, I hope)  
commendations.

I shall certainly attend  
to two of your suggestions: that  
about the Saints never struck me  
as you mentioned <sup>it</sup> - neither are the  
great readers of Shakespeare;  
still it will be well (very)  
to avoid giving offence to any body.

Dyce would have no  
to complain, because the  
as I state; but if you think  
should complain, even without  
that is enough to induce



me to make the alteration.

As to the division of the paper, I think with you, but I am afraid that in that case it would occupy too much room. However, I will consult the bookseller, and if they do not object I shall adopt your suggestion without hesitation.

I shall see you, I hope, on Thursday & on the Tuesday after.

Yours sincerely obliged  
J. Payne Collier

24 Brompton Sq  
Oct<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1841.



